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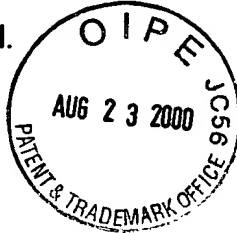
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Jacques DEGELAEN et al.

Serial No. 09/276,923

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: Group Art Unit 1645

: Examiner L. Lee

**PROCESS FOR DETERMINING
ANTIBIOTICS CONTAINING A B-LACTAM
RING IN A BIOLOGICAL FLUID**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 23, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

In the Abstract:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the application papers.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A process for detecting an antibiotic or antibiotics containing a β -lactam ring in a biological fluid, comprising the following [steps]

a) placing a determined volume of the said biological fluid in contact with an amount of recognition agent to form a mixture and incubating the mixture [thus obtained] under conditions which allow [the] for complexation of [the] an antibiotic or antibiotics, which may be present in the said biological fluid, with the recognition agent,

b) placing the mixture obtained in [step] a) in contact with at least one reference